

# BIRD SIGHTINGS

## OCTOBER 1996

### SUMMARY



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October 1996 will be remembered for the record rain, a total of 10.66 inches, 7.36 inches above normal. This broke the previous October record of 8.84 inches set in 1877. The 6.66 inches of rain that fell in the 24-hour period between October 20 and 21 was the second greatest single day total since Hurricane Diane in August of 1995, which dumped 8.4 inches. Damage due to flooding swept the region. The temperature during October averaged 53.4°, 1.4° below normal. The high was 73° on October 14 and 17, and the low was 36° on October 4. The remnants of Hurricane Josephine brought a peak gust of 59 mph from the northeast on October 9. Greater Boston has its first frozen precipitation of the season with a trace of sleet in the early morning hours of October 30.

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#### LOONS THROUGH WOODPECKERS

For the second month in a row storms played a major part in determining the presence of pelagic species. Surprisingly, these storms brought very few Leach's Storm-Petrels close to shore, but shearwaters were well represented at both Andrew's Point in Rockport and First Encounter Beach in Eastham on the 9th and the 21st. An impressive 45 Northern Fulmars were recorded in Eastham on the 9th. Also present in appreciable numbers during these storms were Red-throated Loons, Northern Gannets and migrating Scoters. Other interesting sightings during the month included an **Eared Grebe** that was present in Gloucester beginning in midmonth, and at least seven of the eight **American White Pelicans** discovered in Hyannis in late September continued for most of October. Heron reports included a scattering of American Bitterns and two reports of Least Bittern, including one that was forced out of a salt marsh at high tide. The "**Great White**" Heron discovered in Eastham in midsummer was last seen at midmonth. The last of the herons gradually departed by the end of the month and included three rather late Tricolored Herons and a single Glossy Ibis.

What may have been the best ever coastal fall flight of Snow Geese occurred on the 5th. Included among the numerous flocks was a very small white goose that the observer thought was a **Ross' Goose**. Written documentation was provided by the observer, and if accepted by the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee, this would represent the first sighting of this species in the state. Other waterfowl reports were routine with counts of freshwater ducks greatest at their typical South Monomoy stronghold. A **Tufted Duck** appeared in Sterling where it was present last fall. Canvasbacks and especially Redheads were sparsely reported. The vanguard of Harlequin Ducks arrived by month's end. Ruddy and Ring-necked ducks were widely reported, but the numbers of Ring-necks in Lakeville were well below expected totals.

Raptor reports were either as expected or below normal. Only a few late Ospreys were observed and there were only two reports of Bald Eagle. A **Golden Eagle** graced Martha's Vineyard while only a single Rough-legged Hawk was reported. A large falcon noted in Wayland was thought to be a **Gyr Falcon**. The few Common Moorhens observed were at typical locations, but two **Purple Gallinules**, both immatures, were decidedly unusual. One was a carryover from September in Marblehead and the other appeared in Rockport. Both remained only briefly. American Coot were rather widely distributed in small numbers. There was only one report of a **Sandhill Crane**.

Shorebird sightings followed the usual pattern, with a scattering of late migrating juveniles along with appreciable numbers of typical late season migrants. A very unusual sighting, both in terms of its rarity and location, was a **Bar-tailed Godwit** in South Boston. A well-described juvenile was seen briefly in association with Black-bellied Plovers during a storm. American Golden-Plover was widely reported in small numbers. There were better than average reports of late Solitary Sandpipers. Western Sandpipers were scarce, but White-rumped Sandpipers were well reported, as were Pectoral Sandpipers. The best count of Long-billed Dowitchers for the entire season occurred in late October at Plum Island. Considering the

wealth of pelagic birds reported during storms, there were surprisingly few phalaropes of either species observed.

Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers were both reported at the same time and locations, with Pomarine outnumbering Parasitic. A **Mew Gull** in first winter plumage was carefully studied at Martha's Vineyard. Only two Little Gulls were seen, and there were scattered reports of Black-headed and Lesser Black-backed gulls. Reports of Glaucous and Iceland gulls were a bit on the early side. An excellent flight of Black-legged Kittiwakes occurred at Rockport during the storm of the 21st. The usual few fall migrant Caspian Terns were reported, all on the same day! The few reports of Forster's Tern reinforced that it was a poor year for them. The scattered early alcid reports were typical for the season.

The outstanding event of the month was the small influx of **Boreal Owls** during the last week of the month. Three different individuals were observed, beginning on the 23rd. Of these, only an individual appearing outside a school in Newton on Halloween day was able to be seen by more than one or two observers. In the past 50 years, this diminutive northern owl has been rarely reported after a series of irruptions in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The only previous irruption during recent years occurred just five years ago, when six individuals were located. The timing of that movement was similar to this month's movement. Perhaps more will eventually turn up. Otherwise few other species of owls were noted. Two Snowy Owls appeared at the end of the month, but only three Northern Saw-whet and a single Short-eared owl were reported. Only two migrant Red-headed Woodpeckers were noted in addition to lingering residents in Sherborn. A frontal passage on the 4th ushered in Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, including a nice count of 10 at Plum Island.

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Date	Location	Number	Observers	Date	Location	Number	Observers
<b>Red-throated Loon</b>				26	Stellwagen	1	C. Floyd
13	Tuckernuck	5	T. Maloney#	<b>Cory's Shearwater</b>			
20	Barnstable (S.N.)	25	S. Arena	14	Gay Head	6	A. Keith#
21	Rockport (H.P.)	206	R. Heil	<b>Greater Shearwater</b>			
27	Duxbury/Plymouth	60	W. Petersen#	9	Eastham (F.E.)	800	R. Heil
27	P.I.	105 migr	S. Perkins#	21	Rockport (A.P.)	75	R. Heil
<b>Common Loon</b>				<b>Sooty Shearwater</b>			
5	S. Peabody	28 migr	R. Heil	9	Eastham (F.E.)	12	R. Heil
6	Lakeville	5	W. Petersen	19	Rockport	2	G. d'Entremont#
10	Wach. Res.	40	E. Salmela	26	Stellwagen	50	C. Floyd
12-13	Tuckernuck	23	S. Perkins#	<b>Manx Shearwater</b>			
18	Marshfield	16	D. Clapp	9	Eastham (F.E.)	17	R. Heil
19	Rockport	25	G. d'Entremont#	14	Gay Head	1	A. Keith#
20	Barnstable (S.N.)	18	S. Arena	21	Rockport (A.P.)	1	R. Heil
21	Provincetown	22	S. Perkins#	26	Stellwagen	12	C. Floyd
21	Rockport (A.P.)	55	R. Heil	<b>Leach's Storm-Petrel</b>			
30	P.I.	20	C. Ralph	5	Provincetown (R.P.)	1	G. d'Entremont
<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>				20	Oak Bluffs	2	V. Laux#
12	S. Monomoy	8	W. Petersen#	21	Eastham (F.E.)	1	S. Perkins#
12	Tuckernuck	4	T. Maloney#	21	Rockport (A.P.)	7	R. Heil
14, 27	Lakeville	14, 28	S. Arena	<b>Northern Gannet</b>			
14	Gloucester	8	M. Lynch#	4	P.I.	225	R. Heil
16	GMNWR	13	R. Stymeist	5	Rockport (H.P.)	250	S. Perkins#
thr	Reports of 1 or 2 indiv. from 13 loc.			9	Eastham (F.E.)	900+	R. Heil
<b>Horned Grebe</b>				20	Manomet	515	G. d'Entremont
6	Lakeville	2	W. Petersen	20	Barnstable (S.N.)	5500	S. Arena
26	Plymouth B.	20	R. Finch	20	Rockport (A.P.)	3000	J. Smith
27	Lakeville	16	S. Arena	21	Provincetown	650	S. Perkins#
27	E. Gloucester	6	J. Berry	<b>American White Pelican</b>			
<b>Red-necked Grebe</b>				4-26	Hyannis	7 max 10/04	S. Clifton + v.o.
10	Wach. Res.	1	E. Salmela	<b>Great Cormorant</b>			
19	Gloucester H.	12	M. Lynch#	11	Nantucket	1 imm	S. Perkins#
20	Manomet	3	G. d'Entremont	19	Rockport	3	G. d'Entremont#
21	Rockport (A.P.)	3	R. Heil	20	Manomet	5	G. d'Entremont
24	Dennis	8	S. + E. Miller	27	P.I.	1	S. Perkins#
26	Plymouth B.	3	R. Finch	<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>			
30	Camb. (F.P.)	2	J. Barton	5	S. Peabody	1400 migr	R. Heil
30	Boston	1	H. Miller	12	Salem	240	BBC (I. Lynch)
<b>Eared Grebe</b>				12	P.I.	550	BBC (B. Wicks)
16-31	Gloucester	1	J. Soucy + v.o.	13	Tuckernuck	200+	R. Veit#
<b>Northern Fulmar</b>				14	Ipswich	3300 migr	J. Berry
9	Eastham (F.E.)	45	R. Heil	<b>American Bittern</b>			
21	Rockport (A.P.)	2	R. Heil	4, 31	S. Dart. (A.Pd)	2, 1	LCES (J. Hill)
21	Provincetown	2	S. Perkins#	8	Mashpee	1	S. + E. Miller

<b>American Bittern (continued)</b>			
9	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
12	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
25	S. Dartmouth	3	G. Gove
26	Eastham (F.H.)	3	S. Arena
27	Westport	3	M. Lynch#
thr	P.I.	1-4	v.o.
<b>Least Bittern</b>			
6	GMNWR	1	D. Brownrigg
27	Barnstable	1	E. Winslow#
<b>Great Blue Heron</b>			
12	P.I.	25	BBC (B. Wick)
27	WBWS	9	G. d'Entremont#
27	Eastham (F. H.)	10	G. d'Entremont#
27	Westport	40	M. Lynch#
<b>"Great White" Heron</b>			
13	Nauset Marsh	1	A. Thomas#
<b>Great Egret</b>			
5, 27	Westport	27, 17	M. Lynch#
7, 28	P.I.	24, 8	W. Drew#
6	Barnstable	3	G. d'Entremont#
12	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
12	Pembroke	1	W. Petersen
14	Ipswich	20	J. Berry
26	S. Dart. (A.Pd.)	13	G. Gove
26	Rowley	16	J. Berry
<b>Snowy Egret</b>			
5, 27	Westport	7, 1	M. Lynch#
3	P.I.	17	S. Perkins#
13	Rowley	13	J. Berry
14	Ipswich	3	J. Berry
20	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
23	E. Boston (BI)	1	R. Cressman
<b>Tricolored Heron</b>			
4	P.I.	1	R. Heil
13	Chappaquiddick	1	A. Keith#
27	S. Dart. (A.P.)	1	G. Gove
<b>Cattle Egret</b>			
13	Edgartown	1	J. Norton
<b>Green Heron</b>			
3	Yarmouthport	1	S. + E. Miller
5	Mt.A.	1	R. Stymeist#
5	W. Newbury	1	R. Heil
<b>Black-crowned Night-Heron</b>			
6	Cummaquid	35+	G. d'Entremont#
12-13	Tuckernuck	26	S. Perkins#
13	Ipswich	9	J. Berry
<b>Glossy Ibis</b>			
12	P.I.	1	BBC (B. Wicks)
<b>Whooper Swan</b>			
1-31	Ipswich	4 ad + 4 yg	J. Berry
29	P.I.	2 ad + 4 yg	J. Soucy#
<b>Mute Swan</b>			
5	Westport	254	M. Lynch#
<b>Snow Goose</b>			
5	P.I.	506	R. Forster
5	S. Peabody	1025 migr	R. Heil
5	Newburyport	450 migr	R. Heil
15	Groton	80	T. Pirrou
15	Dennis	60	K. Hamilton
27	Wayland	80	M. Pelikan
27	P.I.	30	S. Perkins#
30	P.I.	30	C. Ralph
thr	Reports of 1-4 indiv. from 11 loc.		
<b>Ross' Goose</b>			
5	S. Peabody	1 ad	R. Heil
<b>Wood Duck</b>			
6	Rutland	30	M. Lynch#
7	GMNWR	75	M. Partridge
13	Stow	25	BBC (C. Cook)
27	Middleboro	17	S. Arena
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>			
thr	P.I.	194 max	W. Drew#
1-17	Arlington Res.	30	M. Pelikan
12	Tuckernuck	30	S. Perkins#
12	S. Monomoy	60	W. Petersen#
17	GMNWR	60	S. Perkins#
19	P.I.	17	P. + F. Vale
23	E. Boston	25	R. Cressman
26	Wayland	17	S. Perkins#
<b>American Black Duck</b>			
thr	P.I.	1310 max	W. Drew#
6	Barnstable (S.N.)	250	G. d'Entremont#
12	S. Monomoy	300	W. Petersen#
27	Westport	500	M. Lynch#
27	P.I.	250	S. Perkins#
<b>Northern Pintail</b>			
thr	P.I.	34 max	W. Drew#
1-17	Arlington Res.	1 m	M. Pelikan
6	GMNWR	2	E. Taylor
26	S. Monomoy	25	B. Nikula#
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>			
5	Westport	8	M. Lynch#
6	Marston's Mills	3	G. d'Entremont#
6	Barnstable	1	G. d'Entremont#
12	Chatham	1	W. Petersen#
<b>Northern Shoveler</b>			
6	GMNWR	2	E. Taylor
13	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#
26	S. Monomoy	25	B. Nikula#
27	Marlboro	1	E. Taylor
<b>Gadwall</b>			
thr	P.I.	26 max	W. Drew#
6	Barnstable	2	G. d'Entremont#
6	Marston's Mills	6	G. d'Entremont#
13, 26	Ipswich	44, 16	J. Berry
26	S. Monomoy	80	B. Nikula#
<b>Eurasian Wigeon</b>			
6	Marston's Mills	1 m	G. d'Entremont#
21	Camb. (F.P.)	1	J. Barton
26	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
<b>American Wigeon</b>			
13, 26	Ipswich	66, 64	J. Berry
6	Marston's Mills	43	G. d'Entremont#
12	S. Monomoy	50	W. Petersen#
13	Duxbury	18	C. Sherman
17	GMNWR	19	S. Perkins#
21	Camb. (F.P.)	61	J. Barton
23	P.I.	37	W. Drew#
26	S. Monomoy	50	B. Nikula#
<b>Canvasback</b>			
23-31	Camb. (F.P.)	86 max	J. Barton
27	Lakeville	3	S. Arena
29	Canton	1	R. Finch
<b>Redhead</b>			
6	Edgartown	2	C. Floyd
30	Camb. (F.P.)	1 f	J. Barton
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>			
5, 27	Southboro	150, 300	E. Taylor
13	Lakeville	150	W. Petersen
19	W. Newbury	465	P. + F. Vale
21	Camb. (F.P.)	131	J. Barton
27	Lakeville	230	S. Arena
<b>Tufted Duck</b>			
9-31	Sterling	1 ad m	F. McMenemy
<b>Greater Scaup</b>			
12	Cumb. Farms	40	M. Emmons
12	S. Monomoy	50	W. Petersen#
13	Tuckernuck	14	S. Perkins#
14, 27	Lakeville	140, 55	S. Arena
23	Camb. (F.P.)	9	J. Barton
26	Wakefield	3	P. + F. Vale

<b>Lesser Scaup</b>			
12, 27	Pembroke	30, 80	W. Petersen
12	Lakeville	40	R. Finch
12	S. Monomoy	10	W. Petersen#
20	P.I.	2	R. Lockwood
23, 30	Camb. (F.P.)	1, 3	J. Barton
23	W. Newbury	8	R. Heil
25	Nantucket	40	fide E. Ray
<b>Common Eider</b>			
21	Rockport (A.P.)	2175	R. Heil
27	Nahant	3500	R. Forster
<b>Harlequin Duck</b>			
13	Revere	1m	J. Adamson
14	Nantucket	2f	S. Perkins#
26	Rockport	12	B. Kelliher
27	Fairhaven	1	G. Mock
<b>Oldsquaw</b>			
18	Marshfield	7	D. Clapp
21	Eastham (F.E.)	6	S. Perkins#
27	Chilmark	3	A. Keith#
<b>Black Scoter</b>			
12	Wachusett Res.	5	M. Lynch#
15	Gardner	17	T. Pirrou
21	Provincetown	12	S. Perkins#
21	Rockport (A.P.)	320	R. Heil
<b>Surf Scoter</b>			
9	Eastham (F.E.)	670	R. Heil
12-13	Tuckernuck	250	S. Perkins#
21	Provincetown	1035	S. Perkins#
21	Rockport (A.P.)	4045	R. Heil
27	Duxbury	700	W. Petersen#
<b>White-winged Scoter</b>			
21	Rockport (A.P.)	675	R. Heil
26	Plymouth B.	200+	R. Finch
<b>Common Goldeneye</b>			
18	Marshfield	2	D. Clapp
20	Newburyport	6	R. Lockwood
27	Lincoln	3	M. Pelikan
<b>Bufflehead</b>			
13	Lakeville	3	W. Petersen
19	W. Newbury	1	P. + F. Vale
19	Waltham	2	R. Forster
21	GMNWR	2	R. Lockwood
26	Plymouth B.	13	R. Finch
26	W. Newbury	14	B. Kelliher
27	Lakeville	50	S. Arena
27	Newburyport H.	30	S. Perkins#
27	Westport	72	M. Lynch#
<b>Hooded Merganser</b>			
13, 31	Melrose	1, 7	D. + I. Jewell
17	N. Andover	64	E. Stromsted
19	Newbypt	3	P. + F. Vale
27	Lakeville	5	S. Arena
27	Lincoln	2	M. Pelikan
<b>Common Merganser</b>			
26	W. Newbury	3	B. Kelliher
27	Lincoln	9	M. Pelikan
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			
21	Eastham (F.E.)	80	S. Perkins#
21	Provincetown	95	S. Perkins#
21	Rockport (A.P.)	880	R. Heil
<b>Ruddy Duck</b>			
thr	W. Newbury	297 max	v.o.
12, 27	Pembroke	55, 500	W. Petersen#
13, 31	Melrose	2, 30	D. + I. Jewell
11-31	Camb. (F.P.)	43 max	J. Barton
12	Southboro	29	M. Lynch#
26	S. Monomoy	45	B. Nikula#
27	Lakeville	18	S. Arena
29	Canton	44	R. Finch
30	Boston	60	H. Miller
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>			
5	Salisbury	4	R. Heil
12	P.I.	2	P. Vale
16	Charlton	21	M. Lynch#
20	Newbury	3	R. Lockwood
21	Maynard	3	L. Nachtrab
22	N. Dartmouth	21	M. Boucher
27	Westport	8	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of individuals from 5 loc.		
<b>Osprey</b>			
27	Sterling	2	G. d'Entremont
thr	Reports of individuals from 8 loc.		
<b>Bald Eagle</b>			
6	Lakeville	2 ad	W. Petersen
12	Dedham	1 imm	G. d'Entremont
<b>Northern Harrier</b>			
12	S. Monomoy	10	W. Petersen#
13	Tuckernuck	5	S. Perkins#
20	Newburyport	2	R. Lockwood
26	E. Sandwich	3	S. Arena
27	P.I.	2	S. Perkins#
thr	Reports of individuals from 7 loc.		
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>			
1	Gay Head	10	V. Laux#
5	Quabbin (G40)	9	S. Arena
11	Truro	2	S. Arena
13	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#
13	Hubbardston	3	M. Pelikan
24	N. Brookfield	2	M. Lynch#
28	S. Dart. (A.P.)	7	G. Gove
thr	Reports of individuals from 13 loc.		
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>			
11	Truro	2	S. Arena
16	Belmont	2	C. Floyd
24	Newton	2	H. Miller
24	Warren	2	M. Lynch#
thr	Reports of individuals from 14 loc.		
<b>Northern Goshawk</b>			
12	Cumb. Farms	1	M. Emmons
26	E. Sandwich	1 imm	S. Arena
26	Wayland	2	S. Perkins#
5	Quabbin (G40)	1	S. Arena
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>			
6	Marshfield	2	D. Clapp
10	Boxford	1	J. Brown
10	Needham	2	J. Samelson
24	Newton	1	H. Miller
27	Middleboro	1	S. Arena
27	Lakeville	2	S. Arena
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>			
12	Southboro	8	M. Lynch#
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>			
29	Quincy	1 dk	N. Smith
<b>Golden Eagle</b>			
26	Chilmark	1 juv	A. Keith
<b>American Kestrel</b>			
12-13	Tuckernuck	3	S. Perkins#
<b>Merlin</b>			
2, 30	P.I.	1, 2	C. Ralph
12-13	Tuckernuck	9	S. Perkins#
thr	Reports of individuals from 10 loc.		
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>			
3	Newburyport	3	S. Perkins#
3	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
4	P.I.	3 imm	R. Heil
12-13	Tuckernuck	12-15	S. Perkins#
12	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#
19	Rockport	2	M. Lynch#
22	Saugus	2	I. Lynch
26	Chatham (S.B.)	2+	B. Nikula#
thr	Reports of individuals from 13 loc.		





19	Rockport (H.P.)	1 ad	M. Lynch#	5	Barnstable	2	G. d'Entremont#
20	Katama	2	V. Laux#	13	Marshfield	1	D. Clapp
20	Gloucester	1	fide J. Soucy	16	Maynard	2	L. Nachtrab
27	Lynn	1	J. Quigley	22	Newton	1	H. Miller
Glaucous Gull				23	Melrose	1	D. + I. Jewell
23	Newburyport	1 1W	R. Heil	Snowy Owl			
Black-legged Kittiwake				26	Logan	1	N. Smith
9	Eastham (F.E.)	24	R. Heil	29	Duxbury	1	N. Smith
21	Rockport (A.P.)	4260	R. Heil	Barred Owl			
21	Provincetown	76	S. Perkins#	6	Wayland	2	M. Pelikan
Caspian Tern				24	Weston	1	D. Lange#
5	N. Monomoy	2	B. Nikula	Short-eared Owl			
5	Chilmark	4	V. Laux#	10	N. Monomoy	1	J. Sones#
5	Edgartown	2	C. Floyd	<b>Boreal Owl</b>			
5	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	23	Weston	1	D. Morimoto#
Common Tern				26	MNWS	1	J. Smith
3	P.I.	1	S. Perkins#	31	Newton	1 ph	K. Sheppard + v.o.
6	S. Dart. (A.P.)	50	S. Perkins#	Northern Saw-whet Owl			
9	Eastham (F.E.)	1130	R. Heil	9	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin#
21	Provincetown	225	S. Perkins#	27	Wayland	1	J. Wood
25	Plymouth	2	W. Petersen#	27	Weston	1	D. Lange#
26	Stellwagen	200+	C. Floyd	Common Nighthawk			
Forster's Tern				7	Mt.A.	1	J. Heywood
3	Newburyport	1	S. Perkins#	Chimney Swift			
5	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	2	W. Newbury	1	BBC (S. Grinley)
6	S. Dart. (A.P.)	2	S. Perkins#	Hummingbird species			
9	Eastham (F.E.)	2	R. Heil	4	P.I.	1	R. Heil
25	Plymouth	1	W. Petersen#	Belted Kingfisher			
Razorbill				12	Wachusett Res.	4	M. Lynch#
21	Rockport (A.P.)	16	R. Heil	Red-headed Woodpecker			
21	Provincetown	5	S. Perkins#	1-31	Sherborn	2 ad	E. Taylor
Black Guillemot				12	Northboro	1 imm	S. Arena
18	Gloucester	1	M. Rines	23	Wayland	1	R. Forster#
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				Red-bellied Woodpecker			
23	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan	18	Northboro	2	A. Boover
25	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	21	Concord	2	R. Lockwood
Barn Owl				thr Reports of individuals from 9 loc.			
13	M.V.	2	SSBC (D. Clapp)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			
Eastern Screech-Owl				4	Marblehead	2	D. Chickering
5	Scituate	1	W. Petersen	4	P.I.	10	R. Heil
13	Marshfield	1	D. Clapp	17	Boxford	2	K. Disney
24	Ipswich	1	J. Berry	thr Reports of individuals from 11 loc.			
26	MNWS	1	J. Smith#	Pileated Woodpecker			
27	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Perkins#	5	Boxford	1	D. + I. Jewell
29	Stoneham	1	D. + I. Jewell	24	Warren	1	M. Lynch#
6	S. Plymouth	2	S. Arena	26	Pepperell	1	E. Stromsted
Great Horned Owl				6	Lincoln	1	R. Lockwood
1-31	Ipswich	4 max	J. Berry				

#### FLYCATCHERS THROUGH GROSBEAKS

Only one Western Kingbird was reported, although the report of a very late Eastern Kingbird on October 22 on Nantucket was probably more unusual. Large flocks of Tree Swallows lingered through midmonth, especially on Cape Cod and the Island, where numbers reached in the thousands. Late reports of Northern Rough-winged and Barn swallows are becoming regular from the Sudbury River Valley. A **Sedge Wren**, carefully studied in the Neponset Marsh in Dorchester, was only one of a series of interesting reports from this area in October. Both species of kinglet began moving in earnest during the month.

Last year in October we were already seeing signs of a major invasion of Northern Shrikes, but the single October report this year suggests we are not in for any similar invasion. Twenty nine-species of warbler were reported, with the highlight being a **MacGillivray's Warbler** carefully studied at close range for 20 minutes in West Newbury. Other less common warbler sightings included 13 Orange-crowned, 1 Worm-eating, 1 Hooded and 11 reports of Yellow-breasted Chat.

It was a good October for the seed eaters, with four Blue Grosbeaks, four Dickcissels, thirteen Clay-colored Sparrows, two Lark Sparrows and good numbers of Lincoln's Sparrows tallied. The splitters were busy identifying both Saltmarsh and Nelson's Sharp-tailed sparrows, but could only find the usual Baltimore Oriole. The winter finch flight was not promising, with just a scattering of reports of Pine Siskins, mostly single individuals.

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Eastern Wood-Pewee			4	Belmont	4	M. Rines	
5	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood	5	N. Scituate	2	W. Petersen
5	WBWS	1	G. d'Entremont#	12	Tuckernuck	2	S. Perkins#
12	Tuckernuck	2	S. Perkins#	17	Lexington	1	M. Rines
15	Gay Head	1	G. Daniels#	27	Gay Head	2	G. Daniels#
Least Flycatcher				Winter Wren			
5	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#	11	Eastham (F.H.)	2	S. Arena
Empidonax species				12-13	Tuckernuck	6	R. Veit#
4	P.I.	1	R. Heil	13	Hubbardston	2	M. Pelikan
4	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#	24	Wayland	2	S. Arena
27	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Perkins#	26-27	Mt. A.	4	R. Stymeist
Eastern Phoebe				thr	Reports of individuals from 11 loc.		
4	P.I.	19	R. Heil	Sedge Wren			
5	P.I.	10	R. Lockwood	1	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
12	Salem	5	BBC (I. Lynch)	Marsh Wren			
24	N. Brookfield	4	M. Lynch#	1	Dorchester	7	R. Donovan
25	Belmont	1	H. D'Entremont#	4	P.I.	4	R. Heil
26	Medford	2	M. Rines	5	N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen
6	Concord	2	R. Lockwood	13	Cumb. Farms	3	R. Finch
Western Kingbird				Golden-crowned Kinglet			
2	Westport	1	C. Paine	5	Provincetown	6	G. d'Entremont#
Eastern Kingbird				5	P.I.	50	R. Lockwood
21	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray	5	N. Scituate	10	W. Petersen
Horned Lark				12-13	Tuckernuck	6	T. Maloney#
5	Eastham (F. E.)	5	G. d'Entremont#	17	Lexington	3	M. Rines
12	Cumb. Farms	8	M. Emmons	18	Gloucester	15	M. Rines
23	Brookline	14	N. Komar	26	Mt. A.	12	R. Stymeist
28	Duxbury B.	2	D. Furbish	27	Salisbury	5	P. + F. Vale
Tree Swallow				27	Rockport (H.P.)	5	T. Maloney#
5	Provincetown	500	G. d'Entremont#	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			
5	Truro	500	G. d'Entremont#	4	P.I.	16	R. Heil
5	Scituate	300	W. Petersen	5	Provincetown	8	G. d'Entremont#
9	Truro	8500	R. Heil	5	N. Scituate	20	W. Petersen
10	Bridgewater	250	D. Clapp	5	Rockport (H.P.)	7	S. Perkins#
12-13	Tuckernuck	500	R. Veit#	6	Rutland	16	M. Lynch#
12	S. Monomoy	8000	W. Petersen#	7	Worcester	14	M. Lynch#
13	Chappaquiddick	8500	G. Daniels#	12-13	Tuckernuck	11	S. Perkins#
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				26	Medford	13	M. Rines
6	Wayland	13	L. Nachtrab	Eastern Bluebird			
Barn Swallow				5	S. Peabody	6	R. Heil
9, 13	Wayland	6, 1	R. Forster	6	Barnstable	6	G. d'Entremont#
5	Truro	10	G. d'Entremont#	6	Carlisle	14	D. Brownrigg
Blue Jay				11	Westford	24	J. Brazeau
5	Westport	138	migr M. Lynch#	17	Boxford	7	K. Disney
American Crow				21	N. Dartmouth	8	M. Boucher
6	Marshfield	328	D. Clapp	25	Worc. (BMB)	6	M. Lynch#
17	Middleboro	200+	K. Anderson	thr	Reports of 1-5 indiv. from 12 loc.		
26	Wakefield	10	P. + F. Vale	Swainson's Thrush			
Fish Crow				3	Nantucket	1	J. Hoye#
23	Brookline	6+	N. Komar	4	MNWS	4	D. Chickering
30	Marshfield	4	D. Furbish	4	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Common Raven				4	P.I.	2	R. Heil
11	Quincy	1	N. Smith	5	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#
12	Wachusett Res.	1	M. Lynch#	5	N. Scituate	2	W. Petersen
26	Barre	1	M. Lynch#	12	Northboro	8	S. Arena
Red-breasted Nuthatch				12	S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
6	Rutland	8	M. Lynch#	5	Quabbin (G40)	2	S. Arena
13	Hubbardston	5	M. Pelikan	Hermit Thrush			
Brown Creeper				5	Rockport (H.P.)	8	S. Perkins#
4	P.I.	2	R. Heil	6	Rutland	17	M. Lynch#
5	Provincetown	3	D. Brown#	7	Worcester	17	M. Lynch#
6	Rutland	5	M. Lynch#	13	Hubbardston	5	M. Pelikan
11	Winchester	2	M. Rines	14	P.I.	5	R. Lockwood
21	Concord	6	R. Lockwood	17	Lexington	10	M. Rines
26	Medford	3	M. Rines	26	Mt. A.	7	R. Stymeist
27	Weston	7	M. Rines#	26	Medford	12	M. Rines
Carolina Wren				27	Weston	5	M. Rines#
5	Lincoln	1	M. Rines	27	MNWS	5	J. Berry
7	Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#	thr	Reports of 1-4 indiv. from 14 loc.		
17	Weston	1	M. Rines	Wood Thrush			
House Wren				4	Ipswich	1	J. Berry



Wood Thrush (continued)				Orange-crowned Warbler			
6	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	3	Lynn	1	S. Perkins#
13	Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#	5	Truro	1	D. Brown
American Robin				12	Needham	1	J. Hoye#
9	Marshfield	165	D. Clapp	13	Gay Head	2	V. Laux#
21	Brookline	1400+	N. Komar	14	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
25	Worc. (BMB)	323	M. Lynch#	15	Chilmark	1	A. Keith
Gray Catbird				19	MNWS	1	J. Smith
7, 25	Worc. (BMB)	20, 2	M. Lynch#	22	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
19	Rockport	1	G. d'Entremont	25	Lexington	1	C. Floyd
26	MNWS	1	M. Rines	26	S. Monomoy	1	B. Nikula#
27	Lakeville	1	S. Arena	27	Provincetown	1	G. d'Entremont#
Brown Thrasher				27	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#
2	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#	Nashville Warbler			
5	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood	4	P.I.	7	R. Heil
5, 27	Rockport (H.P.)	2, 1	S. Perkins#	4	MNWS	4	D. Chickering
6	Barnstable	1	G. d'Entremont#	4, 25	Newton	3, 1	H. Miller
12	Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#	5	N. Scituate	5	W. Petersen
6	Concord	1	R. Lockwood	12, 27	Gay Head	3, 1	A. Keith#
American Pipit				12	Tuckernuck	2	S. Perkins#
6	Barnstable	40	D. Brown#	13	Cumb. Farms	1	R. Finch
10	Concord (NAC)	9	G. Long	29	Lexington	1	C. Floyd
12-13	Tuckernuck	50+	T. Maloney#	Northern Parula			
14	Cumb. Farms	140	S. Arena	5	N. Scituate	2	W. Petersen
16	Charlton	12	M. Lynch#	7	Worc. (BMB)	11	M. Lynch#
17	Dorchester	40	R. Donovan#	11	Eastham (F.H.)	2	S. Arena
17	Groton	50	T. Pirrou	12	Tuckernuck	2	T. Maloney#
21	Katama	45	A. Keith	18	M.V. (Nomans)	1	A. Keith#
23	Newbury	140	R. Heil	27	WBWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
27	P.I.	38	S. Perkins#	6	S. Plymouth	1	S. Arena
Cedar Waxwing				Yellow Warbler			
5	Truro	30	G. d'Entremont#	4	P.I.	1	R. Heil
12	Tuckernuck	50	S. Perkins#	6	Barnstable	1	G. d'Entremont#
26	GMNWR	25+	G. d'Entremont	Chestnut-sided Warbler			
Northern Shrike				4	Nahant	2	L. Pivacek
27	Salisbury	1	N. Clayton	5	Provincetown	1	immG. d'Entremont#
White-eyed Vireo				5	N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen
6	S. Plymouth	1	imm	12	Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#
12	Ipswich	1	imm	13	P.I.	2	M. Lynch#
13	Chappaquiddick	1	D. Williams	Magnolia Warbler			
Solitary Vireo				1	Nantucket	2	J. Hoye#
4	P.I.	7	R. Heil	4	Nahant	4	L. Pivacek
5	N. Scituate	4	W. Petersen	4	P.I.	7	R. Heil
6	Rutland	10	M. Lynch#	5	Provincetown	3	G. d'Entremont#
11	Truro	4	S. Arena	5	N. Scituate	5	W. Petersen
12	Tuckernuck	3	S. Perkins#	13	Chappaquiddick	2	A. Keith#
26	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	27	S. Boston	1	R. Donovan
26	MNWS	1	M. Rines	Cape May Warbler			
27	Lexington	1	M. Rines	14	Gay Head	5	V. Laux#
27	Westport	1	M. Lynch#	5	Quabbin (G40)	1	S. Arena
Philadelphia Vireo				Black-throated Blue Warbler			
1	Belmont	1	C. Floyd	4	P.I.	8	R. Heil
2	Newton	1	H. Miller	4	Truro	4	J. Hoye#
4	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	5	P.I.	5	R. Lockwood
4	P.I.	3	R. Heil	5	Provincetown	3	G. d'Entremont#
17	Lexington	1	M. Rines	5	N. Scituate	4	W. Petersen
Red-eyed Vireo				12	Tuckernuck	3	T. Maloney#
4	P.I.	19	R. Heil	12	Southboro	3	M. Lynch#
5	Lincoln	3	M. Rines#	19	Gloucester	1	fG. d'Entremont#
9	Truro	8	R. Heil	19	P.I.	1	M. Partridge
11	Eastham (F.H.)	9	S. Arena	27	Rockport (H.P.)	1	T. Maloney#
13	MNWS	10	P. + F. Vale	Yellow-rumped Warbler			
Blue-winged Warbler				4	P.I.	300	R. Heil
4	Truro	1	A. McCarthy	6	Rutland	108	M. Lynch#
Tennessee Warbler				10	Lincoln	225	M. Rines
4	P.I.	2	R. Heil	11	Westport	140	J. Hoye#
4	Nahant	1	L. Pivacek	11	Truro	300	S. Arena
5	N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen	12-13	Tuckernuck	700	S. Perkins#
5	Brookline	1	H. Wiggin	12-13	Ipswich	250	J. Berry
6	Chilmark	1	A. Keith	12	P.I.	500	R. Forster#
12	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#	12	Salisbury	900	R. Forster#

Yellow-rumped Warbler (continued)				12 Ipswich	5	J. Berry
13 P.I.	700	M. Lynch#		14 Cumb. Farms	5	S. Arena
26 Mt. A.	55	R. Stymeist		27 Lakeville	1	W. Petersen
Black-throated Green Warbler				Hooded Warbler		
1 Nantucket	3	J. Hoye#		13 P.I.	1 m	J. Liller#
4 P.I.	28	R. Heil		Wilson's Warbler		
5 Rockport (H.P.)	2	S. Perkins#		3 Weston	1	M. Rines
12-13 Tuckernuck	14	S. Perkins#		4, 17 Lexington	1, 1	M. Rines
Blackburnian Warbler				5 Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#
4 MNWS	1	D. Chickering		5 N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen
5 Lincoln	1	M. Rines#		12 Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#
Pine Warbler				Canada Warbler		
6 Rutland	16	M. Lynch#		5 Provincetown	1	G. d'Entremont#
11 Truro	5	S. Arena		5 N. Scituate	1	W. Petersen
12 Lakeville	2	M. Emmons		Yellow-breasted Chat		
12 Tuckernuck	2	S. Perkins#		5 Gay Head	1	C. Floyd
17 Pepperel	6	E. Stromsted		7 Cuttyhunk	1	F. Thurber#
24 Weston	1	M. Rines		10 Chatham	1 dead	R. Clem
27 Salisbury	1	P. + F. Vale		11 Eastham (F.H.)	2	S. Arena
Palm Warbler				12 Salisbury	1	J. Hoye
4 Lexington	8	M. Rines		13 Westport	1	M. Boucher#
5 Rockport (H.P.)	7	S. Perkins#		13 Gay Head	1	V. Laux#
6 Sandwich	7	G. d'Entremont#		13 Chilmark	1	A. Keith#
11 Truro	12	S. Arena		13 Westport	1	M. Boucher
11 Eastham (F.H.)	8	S. Arena		14 W. Roxbury	1	D. Sandee
12-13 Tuckernuck	26	R. Veit#		Scarlet Tanager		
13 Hubbardston	6	M. Pelikan		5 Belmont	1	M. Pelikan
17, 24 Weston	9, 3	M. Rines		5 Mt. A.	1	R. Stymeist#
25 Worc. (BMB)	8	M. Lynch#		7 Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#
27 Truro	4	G. d'Entremont#		12 Tuckernuck	1	S. Perkins#
Bay-breasted Warbler				13 Medford	1	M. Rines
4 P.I.	2	R. Heil		Northern Cardinal		
4 Nahant	3	L. Pivacek		26 S. Monomoy	4	B. Nikula#
5 Truro	1	imm mG. d'Entremont#		Rose-breasted Grosbeak		
5 Quabbin (G40)	1	S. Arena		5 Newton	2	H. Miller
Blackpoll Warbler				5 WBWS	1	J. Hoye#
6 Rutland	10	M. Lynch#		11 Chatham (MI)	3	W. Bailey
7 Worc. (BMB)	38	M. Lynch#		Blue Grosbeak		
12-13 Tuckernuck	24	T. Maloney#		7 Wayland	1	E. Salmela
26 Boston	1	C. Lee		14 Truro	1	B. Parker
27 Wellfleet	3	G. d'Entremont#		18 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Black-and-white Warbler				24 Belmont	1	C. Floyd
2 Bedford	1	M. Rines		Indigo Bunting		
4 Nahant	3	L. Pivacek		1, 13 Gay Head	8, 1	V. Laux#
5 Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Perkins#		5, 27 Truro	2	G. d'Entremont#
13 P.I.	2	M. Lynch#		1 Concord (NAC)	5	S. Perkins
16 Watertown	1	R. Stymeist		4 Belmont	6	M. Rines
American Redstart				4 P.I.	2	R. Heil
4 Provincetown	2	J. Hoye#		5 Lincoln	4	M. Rines#
5 WBWS	2	G. d'Entremont#		5 Truro	2	J. Hoye#
11 Westport	2	J. Hoye#		7 Marshfield	7	D. Clapp
12 Tuckernuck	1	T. Maloney#		11 Truro	7	S. Arena
13 Medford	1	M. Rines		12-13 Tuckernuck	3	R. Veit#
28 S. Boston	1	R. Donovan		18 Gloucester	1	M. Rines
Worm-eating Warbler				18 Newton	1	R. Forster
12 Tuckernuck	1	T. Maloney#		Dickcissel		
Ovenbird				5 S. Peabody	1	R. Heil
4 MNWS	2	D. Chickering		5-7 Belmont	1	M. Pelikan + v.o.
5 Newburyport	1	D. Chickering		9 Marshfield	1	D. Clapp
Northern Waterthrush				11 Eastham (F.H.)	1	S. Arena
5 Provincetown	1	G. d'Entremont#		12 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
5 Gay Head	1	V. Laux#		12 S. Monomoy	1	W. Petersen#
Mourning Warbler				13 Cumb. Farms	1	M. Rines
12 P.I.	1	R. Forster		16 Belmont	1	C. Floyd
MacGillivray's Warbler				16 Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller
14 W. Newbury	1	R. Heil		17 Groton	1	T. Pirrou
Common Yellowthroat				23 Newburyport	2	R. Heil
1 Nantucket	10	J. Hoye#		26 E. Sandwich	1	S. Arena
5 N. Scituate	18	W. Petersen		27 Gay Head	1	A. Keith
11 Truro	9	S. Arena		Eastern Towhee		
12-13 Tuckernuck	21	S. Perkins#		5 Provincetown	7	G. d'Entremont#

Eastern Towhee (continued)			31	S. Dart. (A.P.)	2	G. Gove
5	Truro	2	G. d'Entremont#	Grasshopper Sparrow		
12	Cumb. Farms	2	M. Emmons	5 Nahant	1	L. Pivacek
12	Southboro	5	M. Lynch#	6 Gay Head	1 juv	C. Floyd
13	P.I.	5	M. Lynch#	11 Truro	1	S. Arena
26	E. Sandwich	1	S. Arena	22 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
26	Medford	1	M. Rines	Sharp-tailed Sparrow		
American Tree Sparrow			13 Tuckernuck	5		R. Veit#
5	Wakefield	1	P. + F. Vale	26 Eastham (F.H.)	9	S. Arena
25	Waltham	1	M. Rines	30 S. Dart. (A.P.)	27	G. Gove
26	Rowley	1	J. Berry	Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow		
27	Wayland	10	M. Pelikan	13 Tuckernuck	2	R. Veit#
30	P.I.	2	C. Ralph	13 P.I.	4	M. Lynch#
Chipping Sparrow			17 S. Dart. (A.Pd)	7		LCES (J. Hill)
2	Newton	50	H. Miller	26 Eastham (F.H.)	8	S. Arena
4	Wellfleet	50	J. Hoye#	Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		
4	P.I.	54	R. Heil	1 Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller
5	S. Peabody	36	R. Heil	7 Bolton	1	E. Salmela
11	Truro	60	S. Arena	13 P.I.	1	M. Lynch#
11	Newton	65	R. Forster	13 Chappaquiddick	3	A. Keith#
20	Natick	25	E. Taylor	Seaside Sparrow		
26	Malden	1	P. + F. Vale	13 P.I.	2	M. Lynch#
27	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#	18 Dorchester	1	R. Donovan
Clay-colored Sparrow			27 Fox Sparrow			
4	Provincetown	1	J. Hoye#	27 Bedford	1	M. Rines
4	P.I.	1	R. Heil	27 Lexington	1	M. Rines
5	Wellfleet	1 ad	S. Miller#	27 Wayland	3	M. Pelikan
5	Gay Head	1	C. Floyd	Song Sparrow		
5	Scituate	1	W. Petersen	4 P.I.	90	R. Heil
6	Sandwich	1 ad	G. d'Entremont	5 Scituate	75+	W. Petersen
11	Truro	2	S. Arena	13 Cumb. Farms	100+	R. Finch
12	Tuckernuck	1	R. Veit#	26 E. Sandwich	65	S. Arena
12	Newton	1	A. McCarthy	Lincoln's Sparrow		
12	Squibnocket	1	A. Keith#	1 Concord (NAC)	2	S. Perkins
28	Cummaquid	1	S. + E. Miller	3 Weston	2	M. Rines
30	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan#	4 P.I.	4	R. Heil
Field Sparrow			5 Rockport (H.P.)	2		S. Perkins#
8	Wakefield	7	D. + I. Jewell	6 Wayland	4	M. Pelikan
10	Bridgewater	6	D. Clapp	9 Truro	7	R. Heil
11	S. Dartmouth	8	A. McCarthy	12 Salem	2	BBC (I. Lynch)
11	Truro	12	S. Arena	12 Newton	3	G. d'Entremont#
12	Bolton Flats	3	M. Rines	12 Bolton Flats	3	M. Rines
14	P.I.	2	R. Lockwood	12 Ipswich	3	J. Berry
17	Lexington	4	M. Rines	17 Belmont	2	C. Floyd
18	Newton	5	R. Forster	25 Worc. (BMB)	1	M. Lynch#
23	Dorchester	9	R. Donovan	26 E. Sandwich	1	S. Arena
26	E. Sandwich	5	S. Arena	1-17		Reports of individuals from 12 loc.
26	Medford	2	M. Rines	Swamp Sparrow		
Vesper Sparrow			6 Wayland	22		M. Pelikan
5	Wellfleet	2	G. d'Entremont#	11 Truro	60	S. Arena
5	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood	14 Cumb. Farms	60	S. Arena
6	Sandwich	2	G. d'Entremont#	18 N. Brookfield	28	M. Lynch#
7	Wayland	1	E. Salmela	25 Worc. (BMB)	52	M. Lynch#
10	Squantum	1	M. Rines	26 E. Sandwich	35	S. Arena
15	S. Peabody	1	R. Heil	White-throated Sparrow		
27	Pepperell	6	E. Stromsted	4 P.I.	210	R. Heil
Lark Sparrow			5 N. Scituate	100+		W. Petersen
2	Newton	1	H. Miller + v.o.	7 Worc. (BMB)	74	M. Lynch#
21	Eastham (F.E.)	1	S. Perkins#	9 Truro	60	R. Heil
Savannah Sparrow			12 Southboro	70		M. Lynch#
1	Concord (NAC)	75	S. Perkins	26 Mt. A.	110	R. Stymiest
4	P.I.	165	R. Heil	26 Medford	51	M. Rines
6	Sandwich	250	G. d'Entremont#	White-crowned Sparrow		
6	Wayland	40	M. Pelikan	1 Gay Head	6	V. Laux#
12	Cumb. Farms	75+	M. Emmons	4 P.I.	11 imm	R. Heil
13	Tuckernuck	30	R. Veit#	9 Truro	9 imm	R. Heil
26	E. Sandwich	40	S. Arena	12-13 Tuckernuck	7	S. Perkins#
Ipswich Sparrow			18 N. Brookfield	10		M. Lynch#
12, 26	Salisbury	1, 4	R. Forster	25 Nantucket	5	fide E. Ray
13	Westport	1	M. Boucher	26 S. Monomoy	6	B. Nikula#
13	Tuckernuck	3	R. Veit#	thr		Reports of 1-3 indiv. from 28 loc.

				9	DWWS	7	D. Clapp
				12	Sterling	30	M. Lynch#
				12	Bedford	3	M. Rines
				14	Boxford	3-4	J. Brown#
				23	Lexington	50	M. Rines
				25	Newton	3	H. Miller
				25	Weston	15	M. Rines#
				26	Pepperell	3	E. Stromsted
				26	Framingham	15	S. Perkins#
				27	Middleboro	20	S. Arena
				Common Grackle			
				22	Marshfield	1600	D. Furbish
				25	Worc. (BMB)	400	M. Lynch#
				25	Hanson	7000	W. Petersen
				Brown-headed Cowbird			
				5	Rowley	200	R. Heil
				12	Cumb. Farms	1100	M. Emmons
				24	Acton	150	R. Forster
				27	Westport	450	M. Lynch#
				Baltimore Oriole			
				1	Concord (NAC)	1	S. Perkins
				5	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#
				5	WBWS	1	G. d'Entremont#
				5	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
				5	Belmont	1	M. Pelikan
				6	Barnstable	1	D. Brown
				12-13	Tuckernuck	7	S. Perkins#
				14	Truro	2	B. Parker
				28	Cummaquid	2	S. + E. Miller
				Purple Finch			
				16,23	Newton	1	H. Miller
				5	Truro	2	G. d'Entremont#
				6	Barnstable	3	G. d'Entremont#
				26	Mt. A.	2	R. Stymeist
				26	Truro	1	B. Parker
				27	Wayland	1	M. Pelikan
				27	Lakeville	5	S. Arena
				30	P.I.	2	C. Ralph
				30	Northboro	5	B. Volkle
				31	Saugus	2	P. Duffy
				Pine Siskin			
				17	GMNWR	1	S. Perkins#
				20	P.I.	1	R. Lockwood
				25	Waltham	1	M. Rines
				26	MNWS	1	J. Smith
				26	Ipswich	40	J. Berry
				26	Mt. A.	3	R. Stymeist
?Dark-eyed Junco							
4	P.I.	18	R. Heil				
5	Rockport (H.P.)	10	S. Perkins#				
26	Medford	41	M. Rines				
26	Mt. A.	95	R. Stymeist				
Lapland Longspur							
13, 21	Katama	6, 6	V. Laux#				
5	Rockport (H.P.)	1	S. Perkins#				
12	P.I.	9	R. Forster				
21-26	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan				
Snow Bunting							
11	Quincy	3	N. Smith				
17	Dorchester	1	R. Donovan				
19	Gloucester	1	M. Lynch#				
25	Nantucket	1	fide E. Ray				
27	P.I.	35	J. Center				
27	Rockport (H.P.)	6	S. Perkins#				
29	Logan	1000+	N. Smith				
30	Salisbury	70	C. Ralph				
31	Dennis	20	S. + E. Miller				
Bobolink							
1	Concord (NAC)	12	S. Perkins				
2	Nantucket	4	J. Hoyer#				
4	Newbury	16	R. Heil				
6	Sandwich	8	G. d'Entremont#				
6	Barnstable	8	G. d'Entremont#				
6	Concord (NAC)	30	M. Pelikan				
11	Eastham (F.H.)	5	S. Arena				
14	Cumb. Farms	11	S. Arena				
23	Newburyport	1	R. Heil				
27	Truro	1	G. d'Entremont#				
27	Eastham (F. H.)	1	G. d'Entremont#				
Red-winged Blackbird							
6	Barnstable	80	G. d'Entremont#				
19	P.I.	160	P. + F. Vale				
25	Worc. (BMB)	240	M. Lynch#				
Eastern Meadowlark							
12	Middleboro (CF)	40	M. Emmons				
12	S. Monomoy	2	W. Petersen#				
14	Cumb. Farms	45	S. Arena				
14	Truro	10	B. Parker				
26	Dorchester	2	R. Donovan				
27	Eastham (F.H.)	3	G. d'Entremont#				
27	Wayland	2	M. Pelikan				
Rusty Blackbird							
7	Stow	50	fide B. Volkle				

## HOW TO CONTRIBUTE BIRD SIGHTINGS TO *BIRD OBSERVER*

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ad	adult	H.	Harbor
alt	alternate	I.	Island
b	banded	L.	Ledge
br	breeding	M.V.	Martha's Vineyard
dk	dark (phase)	Mt. A.	Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge
f	female	Nant.	Nantucket
fl	fledged	Newbypt	Newburyport
imm	immature	P.I.	Plum Island
ind	individuals	Pd	Pond
juv	juvenile	P'town	Provincetown
loc	location	Quab.	Quabbin
lt	light (phase)	Res.	Reservoir
m	male	R.P.	Race Point, Provincetown
max	maximum	S.B.	South Beach, Chatham
mi	mile	S. Dart.	South Dartmouth
migr	migrating	S.F.	State Forest
n	nesting	S.N.	Sandy Neck, Barnstable
ph	photographed	S.P.	State Park
pl	plumage	Stellw.	Stellwagen Bank
pr	pair	Worc.	Worcester
S	summer (1S = first summer)	BBC	Brookline Bird Club
thr	throughout	BBS	Breeding Bird Survey
v.o.	various observers	BMB	Broad Meadow Brook, Worcester
W	winter (2W = second winter)	CBC	Christmas Bird Count
w/	with	CCBC	Cape Cod Bird Club
yg	young	DFWS	Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
#	additional observers	DWWS	Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary
A.A.	Arnold Arboretum	EMHW	Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch
A.P.	Andrews Point, Rockport	GMNWR	Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
A.Pd	Allens Pond, S. Dartmouth	HRWMA	High Ridge Wildlife Management Area, Gardner-Westminster
Arl.	Arlington	IRWS	Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary
B.	Beach	LCES	Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
B.I.	Belle Isle, E. Boston	MARC	Massachusetts Avian Records Committee
B.R.	Bass Rocks, Gloucester	MAS	Massachusetts Audubon Society
Buzz.	Buzzards Bay	MBO	Manomet Observatory
Cambr.	Cambridge	MBWMA	Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, Newbury
C.B.	Crane Beach, Ipswich	MDFW	MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Corp. B.	Corporation Beach, Dennis	MNWS	Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary
C.P.	Crooked Pond, Boxford	MSSF	Myles Standish State Forest
Cumb. Farms	Cumberland Farms, Middleboro-Halifax	NAC	Nine Acre Corner, Concord
E.P.	Eastern Point, Gloucester	NBC	Needham Bird Club
F.E.	First Encounter Beach, Eastham	NEHW	New England Hawk Watch
F.H.	Fort Hill, Eastham	ONWR	Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge
F.M.	Fowl Meadow	SRV	Sudbury River Valley
F.P.	Fresh Pond, Cambridge	SSBC	South Shore Bird Club
F.Pk	Franklin Park, Boston	TASL	Take A Second Look Harbor Census
G40	Gate 40, Quabbin	USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service
G45	Gate 45, Quabbin	WBWS	Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
H.P.	Halibut Point, Rockport	WMWS	Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary